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Travels and Description.....	513	1,254
Poetry and Drama.....	400	686
Fine Arts.....	257	888
Language and Literature.....	408	682
Religion and Theology.....	479	201
Science.....	1,142	2,055
Ancient Classics.....	103	124
Miscellany.....	667	1,067
Fiction.....	2,964	30,184
Books for Young People.....	1,436	19,622
Serials.....	318	1,298
Works of Reference.....	231	
Public Documents.....	1,338	
Total.....	12,515	61,290

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The present number of borrowers is 2,593 of whom 959 are males and 1,634 females. The reading room is supplied with 14 daily newspapers and 30 weeklies and periodicals, and has been

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fiction nor to furnish it in sufficient abundance. With reference to this special view of the use of fiction we submit such comparisons as are available showing the percentage of fiction and of juvenile literature to the whole of the collection, of several libraries:

	Volumes.	Fiction.	Juvenile.
St. Paul.....	12 80	per cent	6 30
Peoria.....	15 45	" "	9 28
Saint Louis.....	17 07	" "	7 35
Winona.....	23 68	" "	11 47

We are not able to furnish a greater list for comparison because not many libraries include this statement in their reports, but it will be observed that we are already providing our readers with a larger proportion of fiction and of juvenile books than are the libraries of the three cities with which we are able to make comparison. This is a matter of some importance at this time because in order to make arrangements for the changes which are in the future for us we shall have to expend during the current year a larger proportion of our income in administering the library, and shall have a proportionately smaller amount of money available for the purchase of books. It should therefore be understood that if we do not meet the expectations of our borrowers in the lines under discussion, it is because we think we have done more than was perhaps required in the past, and because our means at present are much limited.

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Religion and Theology	479	201
Science	1,142	3,053
Antient Classics	103	124
Miscellaneous	667	1,067
Fiction	2,964	30,184
Books for Young People	1,456	19,822
Serials	818	1,538
Works of Reference	231	
Public Documents	1,383	
Total	12,815	61,200

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Donations during the year have been as follows:

Mr. C. A. Moore, 2 volumes; Rev. E. P. Chittenden, 1 A. P. Stokes, 1 Mr. Herman Welsh, 2; Hon. C. F. Buck, 2; Official sources, 133. Total 141.

What we have said up to this point covers the ground upon which we are required by law to report. We have usually confined ourselves to the statutory requirements. Circumstances however seem to indicate the present as a suitable time for a more extended report, with some indication of the growth of the library during its eleven years of existence, and some examination of its achievement in comparison with other libraries:

To May 1880 the Winona Library Association, with a membership of about 150, transferred its collection of books, numbering 3,454, to this board of directors. The following table discloses the main features of the growth of the library to the present time. Our fiscal year ends February 28th, so that the years named in the table overlap each its succeeding year by two months, the year 1890, e. g., being covered by this annual report:

Year	No. Vols.	Borrowers	Circulation	Books bought	Proceeds tax
1886	3,404	1,475	16,001	\$33.94	\$1,000.00
1887	3,664	1,711	28,722	1,431.44	2,211.09
1888	4,077	1,623	35,793	625.69	2,305.36
1889	7,075	1,870	57,513	1,072.23	2,613.59
1890	8,006	1,916	38,919	1,709.95	2,604.00
1891	8,834	1,951	38,756	1,131.00	2,494.95
1892	9,359	2,038	41,010	818.62	2,476.25
1893	10,281	2,210	44,257	787.54	2,719.74
1894	11,120	2,413	61,417	1,043.20	2,712.37
1895	11,981	2,434	59,104	1,071.41	2,596.98
1896	12,615	2,593	61,200	769.49	2,540.57

* About \$400.00 expended in refitting building.
† About \$300.00 expended on pavement and sidewalk.

A regular and rapid growth will be noted from this table, in all matters relating to the use of the library, but in the financial items no such increase will be observed, and it will be noted that the amount now available for the purchase of books is quite limited.

We have prepared the following table to show by comparison with other libraries what our equipment is, and what demands are made upon us, and at what relative expense we have been able to meet them. First in the table are six western cities, three of them large cities and three more comparable

with Winona though all of them larger. Of the three large cities only Minneapolis has its library adequately housed, and the figures will show a fact well known to all persons interested in library work, that the Minneapolis library is a model of efficiency. Of the other libraries, that of Peoria has just been transferred to a new and excellent building. The figures, however represent work done with an inadequate equipment so far as housing is concerned. The La Crosse library has for some years had the benefit of a convenient and ample building, the bequest of Hon. O. C. Washburn.

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Pop. '95	No. Vols.	Chronicle	Cas Circulation	A	B	C	D
Milwaukee.....	39,000	27,243	21,882	322	1,193	342	982
St. Paul.....	100,000	52,003	10,239	484	1,895	373	1,763
St. Paul.....	43,100	24,003	10,239	368	1,433	493	1,040
Peoria.....	55,592	134,135	9,959	180	2,001	241	971.13
Rockford.....	25,000	37,819	8,919	225	2,001	343	1,022
La Crosse.....	11,169	35,405	3,851	385	1,496	319	1,022
Winona.....	12,615	2,644	2,644	590	2,919	430	1,028
Winona.....	21,000	32,493	1,617	572	2,922	189	972
Winona.....	32,493	65,120	971	24	2,722	5,731	1,981
Brookline.....	16,000	41,964	3,961	04	3,622	1,891	1,081
N. Adams.....	13,630	73,944	3,884	95	7,28	3,852	5,35
Pitt.-field.....	20,500	23,000	3,214	32	1,122	2,977	2,41
Waukegan.....	27,910	62,412	1,093	382	1,093	3,992	2,15
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Flushing.....	24,600	33,848	1,337	73	1,192	2,31	984
Brookton.....	33,000	53,132	6,58	91	632	2,519	3,59
Average of 8	21,500	70,513	4,704	46	1,240	2,320	2,45
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* La Crosse has between two and three thousand public documents not included in above total. To compare with Winona, deduct our documents, 1,383, making effective library 11,182 volumes. On this basis Winona figure in columns A is 5301; in column C 5,560.

In this table the column headed "A" indicates the number of volumes provided by each library for each thousand of population. It will be seen that in this provision, though we regard our library as a small one, it does not compare unfavorably with most of the western cities, though it fails to make half the provision of the average of the eight Massachusetts cities represented in the table.

In the column headed "B" is represented the home circulation of each library per thousand of population. This indicates the degree in which people appreciate and use their library privileges. It will be observed that only one of the western cities exceeds Winona in this respect, and that she does not compare unfavorably with the eastern cities having much larger collections.

The column headed "C" represents the circulation of the average volume, — the number of times in the year it is drawn. In other words this column shows how severe a demand is put upon the library by the people. It will here also be noted that only one western city makes a greater use per volume of its library, and that the eight

Massachusetts cities on the average do not work their collections much over half as hard. It is easy to draw a wrong inference in this matter. We are not to be congratulated on having to ever use the average volume. As much as anything else it indicates that our collection is not large enough to meet the demands upon it.

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It is proper to feel a certain amount of pride that our community, so poorly provided as it has been with library facilities, is able to make so good a showing as we draw from the above figures. Naturally the first question raised is as to the quality of the reading done. We cannot extract so much satisfaction from comparative figures relating to the character of the books drawn by our people. We do not wish to imply that the reading of fiction is a reprehensible thing, and it should be understood that great pains have always been taken by the committee in charge, that the character of fiction admitted to the Winona library shall be as high as possible. In the same way much care has been used with the selection of books for young people, and great satisfaction is felt with the enthusiasm and eagerness of our clientele among the young. We should premise also that our department of books for the young, while abundantly supplied with well selected fiction, contains a great proportion of history, biography, travels and science, which under stimulus from some of the public school teachers has been very much read. Nevertheless, admitting the educational and moral value of the reading in these departments, it still remains true that the other part of any collection is of more importance, and its use of more enduring and solid worth. We submit therefore such figures as are available showing the percentage of the circulation of each library represented in its issues of fiction and juvenile books:

	Circulation	Fiction	Juvenile
Minneapolis	47.77	17.97	
St. Paul	42.82	28.66	
Peoria	44.11	24.58	
Rockford	82.90	24.54	
Winona	49.25	32.02	

We are not satisfied with the exhibit made by the above percentages, and we shall endeavor by our regulations to bring about a better showing within the next few years.

There is a special reason for drawing attention to the character of the reading done from the Winona library. It is that the most frequent criticism which comes to us of the conduct of the library is that not enough care is taken to provide always the freshest of

fiction ner to furnish it in sufficient abundance. With reference to this special view of the use of fiction we submit such comparisons as are available showing the percentage of fiction and of juvenile literature to the whole of the collection, of several libraries:

Volumes:	Fiction.	Juvenile.
St. Paul	12.50 per cent	6.30 per cent
Peoria	15.45 "	9.28 "
Saint Louis	17.07 "	7.35 "
Winona	23.68 "	11.47 "

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In closing this report it is due to the young ladies who have been in charge of the library during its course of development, to express in this public manner our appreciation of the value and faithfulness of their services. It has been with them not a perfunctory task to conduct the routine operations of our institution, but a constant labor of love. In behalf of the community we make this recognition of their well spent labor.

Dated Winona, Minn., April 9, 1897.
On behalf of the library board.

ERED S. BELL, President.
EDWARD LEES, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Winona Free Public Library for the Year Beginning March 1st, 1896, and Ending February 28th 1897.

RECEIPTS.	
Library funds on hand March 1st, 1896	\$ 38.36
Library tax for 1896	2,540.57
Interest	5.00
Received for dues	159.62
Received for catalogues sold	7.35
Received for lost books	1.62
Received fees for books reserved	1.72
Library tax for 1897 advanced to balance	14.27
Total	\$ 2,765.91

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Books	\$ 763.49
Salaries	1,150.35
Lighting	176.05
Fuel	63.75
Repairs	1.60
Fire Insurance	141.36
Stationery and printing	83.35
Binding	159.90
Newspapers and periodicals	156.85
Freight and express	13.90
Postage	11.37
Telephone	18.00
Library furniture	33.60
Miscellaneous	43.00
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The report of Secretary Edw. Lees was as follows:

To the Board of Directors of the Winona Free Public Library:

Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 173 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1903, I herewith submit for your approval, and for the subsequent consideration of the City Council of the city of Winona, the following report of receipts and expenditures of the Winona Free Public Library, during the period intervening between the 1st day of January 1901, and the 1st day of January 1905:

—Receipts—

Account with city treasurer:

Balance in city treasury January 1, 1905	\$ 2,222.30
One mill library tax.....	7,305.85
Interest	12.67
Deposits made by librarian.	190.00
	<u>\$ 9,730.82</u>

Account of Librarian:

Balance on hand January 1, 1904	\$ 32.77
Fines	250.51
Fees for books reserved....	13.05
Catalogs sold	5.70
Collected for lost and dam-	

	Added	Total Vols.	Total Adult	Circ. Child.
History	61	1,613	2,574	332
Biography	71	1,153	1,430	516
Travels and Descriptions.....	79	1,570	2,109	989
Language and Literature.....	81	1,928	3,309	385
Fine Arts	90	731	1,797	245
Useful Arts	58	502	1,014	104
Natural Science	104	1,152	1,904	359
Sociology	49	769	811	377
Religion	15	291	581	4
Philosophy	89	1,449	6,438	246
Miscellany and Magazines.....	101	1,634
Reference	379	4,240	40,285	17,278
Fiction	358	2,786
Juvenile	112	287	348	...
Polish Books	155	218	2,131	...
German Books	154	2,843
Public documents				
	2,017	24,029	69,330	22,231
				69,330
				91,561

Of the additions above reported 1,831 were purchased and 186 by donation. A list of the donors is made next hereof. There were discarded

aged books	4.78
C. D. books	33.60
Receipts from all other sources	21.60

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C. D. books	33.60
Receipts from all other sources	<u>21.60</u>
	<u>\$326.01</u>

Grand Total .. \$10,092.83

--Expenditures--

Salaries	\$ 2,548.97
Paid for books	2,381.41
Periodicals	262.45
Binding	554.24
Maintenance of building and improvements	759.28
Printing	475.60
Light	312.78
Fuel	438.94
Postage, freight and express bills	45.22
Insurance	27.00
Library supplies	101.95
Deposits	190.00
Miscellaneous disbursements	<u>56.10</u>
	<u>\$ 8,153.94</u>

Balance in city treasury.. 1,912.04

Balance in librarian's hands 26.85

\$10,092.83

EDWARD LEES, Secretary.

The monthly report of the librarian for December was also submitted at the Saturday afternoon meeting. This showed the customary falling off in the demand for books in that month due to the holiday hustle. The statistics for the month of books loaned out were given as follows:

	Adults	Child.
History	524	46
Biography	184	48
Travels	139	75
Literature and Language.	139	17
Fine Arts	151	26
Useful Arts	57	12
Natural Science	597	20
Sociology	121	10
Religion	32	19
Philosophy	42	..
Magazines	522	28
Fiction	3,125	1,443
German Books	192	..
Polish Books	71	..
Total	<u>6,126</u>	<u>1,791</u>

Grand total7,920

Other statistics for the month were as follows:

Visitors to reading room, 1,160; visitors to reference dep't, 223; Sunday visitors, 203; Borrowers registered, 3,977.

Books catalogued first of month 23,450; books added by purchase, 85; books added by donation, 11; books discarded, 189; books catalogued end of month, 23,357.

Of the additions above reported 1,831 were purchased and 186 by donation. A list of the donors is made part hereof. There were discarded during the year 1,146 volumes, many of them very old works of fiction and no longer called for. Three volumes were lost and paid for by the losers and 14 volumes are missing and unaccounted for. The net gain for the year is 871 volumes. Five hundred and eighty-eight books were rebound during the year, and 105 magazines.

The present number of borrowers registered is 3,977, of whom 1,361 are males and 2,616 females. The reading room is supplied with 105 papers and periodicals, and has been used during the year by 21,303 visitors, of whom 3,461 were Sunday visitors. The reference department was used by 3,553 persons.

Donations amounting to 186 volumes have been received as follows:

Hon. James A. Tawney, Public documents, 98, vols.

Mr. Bruno Weilandt, Life of Bismarck (in German), 1 vol.

Mrs. Anna Blake, Foster's Century of American Diplomacy, 1 vol.

Prof. W. H. Munson, Books relating to chemistry, 5 vols.

Miss C. V. Smith, Schmidt's Natural Laws of Musical Expression, 1 vol.

Mr. Scott Laird, Republican and Herald (bound volumes), 6 vols.

Other donors, Miscellaneous collections, 15 vols.

The following donations were made by the authors:

Mr. Willard Beahan, Field Practice of Railway Location, 1 vol.

Mr. S. L. Phillips, Testimony of Reason, 1 vol.

Mr. J. H. Bridge, Inside History of Carnegie Steel Co., 1 vol.

Mr. A. A. Gundy, Negro Education in the South, 1 vol.

Mr. E. S. Balch (Ed), Alaska Frontier, 1 vol.

The following donations were made by the publishers:

Chickering & Sons, Commemoration of the House of Chickering, 1 vol.

Jewish Publication Society, Voice of America on Kishineff, 1 vol.

Society of S. A. R., National Register, 1 vol.

The following donations were from official sources:

Missouri World's Fair Commission, State of Missouri, 1 vol.

R. R. & Warehouse Commission Illinois, Report 1903, 2 vols.

State of Michigan, Documents, 2 vols.

State of Minnesota, Documents, 15 vols.

United States, Documents, 31 vols.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Library Board.

F. S. BELL, President.

EDWARD LEES, Secretary.

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and are entitled to mention here. Here
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for 1905, total number of volumes, and
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partment:

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quent consideration of the City Coun-
cil of the city of Winona, the following
report of the receipts and expenditures
of the Winona Free Public Library

	Added	Total	Circu- lation
History	26	392	1536
Biography	26	213	1031
Travels and Description	13	228	1108
Literature	23	146	1033
Fine Arts	9	59	381
Useful Arts	4	45	166
Natural Science	18	235	1193
Sociology	8	551	226
Religion	6	54	301
Philosophy		1	4
Magazines	2	8	283
Reference	1	5	
Fiction	342	1704	19664
	478	3051	66626

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registered is 4248, of whom 1524 are
males and 2724 females. The reading
room is supplied with 97 papers and
periodicals, 7 dailies, 8 weeklies, and
82 magazines, and has been used dur-
ing the year by 19,626 visitors, of
whom 2661 were Sunday visitors. The
reference department was used by
3,989 persons.

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during the period intervening between
the 1st day of January, 1905, and the
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Receipts.

—Account With City Treasurer.—
Balance in city treasury Jan.
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Interest 16.94
Deposits made by librarian.. 228.20
\$9,159.13

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brary during the year, the total num-
ber, and the total circulation of each
department, are shown by the follow-
ing statement:

	Added	Total	Total Circulation
History	92	1683	4168
Biography	96	1229	1163
Travels and Description	53	1613	3644
Literature	156	2068	3939
Language and Literature	70	797	1955
Fine Arts	41	541	668
Useful Arts	41	875	8562
Natural Science	64	1216	1898
Sociology	56	819	579
Religion	10	299	427
Philosophy	95	1528	6539
Miscellany and Magazines	33	1666	
Reference	479	4127	36790
Fiction	478	3051	19064
Juvenile		287	958
Polish Books		219	2151
German Books	89	2932	
Public Documents			
	1853	24950	73351
		478	3051

Of the above additions reported 1666
were by purchase and 187 by donation;
a list of the donors is made part here-
of. There were discarded during the
year 932 volumes, many of them very
old works of a miscellaneous charac-
ter and no longer called for. 5 vol-
umes were lost and paid for by the
losers, and 14 volumes are missing and
unaccounted for. The net gain for the
year is 921 volumes. 526 books were
rebound during the year, and 91 mag-
azines. The increase in total circula-
tion over that of 1904 is 8416 vol-
umes, about 9.2 per cent.

More than half of the increase in
circulation is in the children's depart-
ment. Owing to a somewhat discourag-
ing tendency observable in the char-
acter of the books drawn by the pub-
lic during the recent preceding years,
due perhaps to the absence of influ-
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—Account With Librarian.—
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905, \$ 26.85
Fines 244.20
Fees for books reserved 8.12
Catalogues sold 3.40
Collected for lost and damag-
ed books 7.31
C. D. books 93.10
Receipts from all other
sources 17.50
\$ 400.48
\$9,559.61

—Expenditures.—

Salaries \$2,576.95
Paid for books 1,715.14
Periodicals 273.75
Binding 246.68
Printing 218.20
Maintenance of building and
improvements 2,246.13
Light 509.12
Fuel 108.70
Postage, freight and express
bills 43.32
Insurance 72.96
Library supplies 106.77
Deposits 225.00
Miscellaneous disbursements. 35.61

\$8,178.03
Balance in city treasury. \$1,360.36
Balance in librarian's hands. . 21.22

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tively needed on account of the ex-
pansion of the library, has been put
in at a total outlay of \$1,750, partial
provision for which was made in pre-
vious years; and a renovation of the
heating plant has been made at a con-
tract price of \$1,664, a portion of
which has been withheld until severe
weather has tested the new apparatus.

Donations have been received as fol-
lows:

Donor.	Volumes
Hon. Jas. A. Tawney Public Documents	17
Hon. Jas. A. Tawney, War of Rebellion Records	21
Mr. E. S. Youmans, Works of Voltaire	42
University of Chicago, Publications	10
Mr. Scott Laird, Republican & Herald (bound)	7
Mrs. L. D. Frost, Louisiana Purchase Exposition	2
Mrs. W. J. Landon, Bowerman's Sherman's Campaign	1
Mrs. W. J. Landon, Cornwell; Life of Garfield	1
Miss Helen Staples, Lutherans in America	1
Rev. J. J. Cleland, Goodnow; City Government	1
Mr. Earl Simpson, Miscellaneous Collection	5
Mr. J. Bowe (Author), With the Thirtieth Minnesota	1
A Friend, Swedenborg Publications	17
Other donors, Miscellaneous	8
Official Sources, Public Documents	53

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Biography	1262	50

Language and literature	4806	1000
Fine arts	2778	840
Useful arts	930	277
Natural science	9956	777
Sociology	2016	263
Religion	861	184
Philosophy	461	3
Magazines	6835	307
Fiction	39012	19275
German	2761	
Polish	884	

Total	18479	26736
East End Library	3150	
Total	108365	

Total in 1905 99977

An increase of 8388

The book borrowers now number 4,429; visitors to reading room, 18,904; Sunday visitors, 2,424; reference department, 4,4324; average Sunday visitors, 46; books discarded, 651; books lost and paid for, 1; books unaccounted for, 19; books rebound, 956; magazines bound, 130.

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Religion	862	32
Periodicals	1577	129
Philosophy	311	11
General works,	46	
Reference room	1638	41
Fiction	4418	519
Juvenile	3278	555
Polish works	462	176
German	443	226
Public Documents	3030	2
Total	26577	2116

The showing concerning books for young people by classes was as follows:

	Total Pur-	Do-
	chased	nated
History	308	21
Biography	228	18
Description and travel	243	22
Literature	174	37
Fine arts	70	14
Useful arts	48	3
Natural science	248	17
Sociology	51	3
Religion	60	7
Philosophy	1	
Magazines	9	1
Reference	26	21
Fiction	1812	391
Total	3278	555

The circulation for the months of September, October, November and December at the new East End branch was as follows:

Miscellaneous	180
Fiction	333
Polish	528
Juvenile	2109
Total	3150

The books given out during the year are classified as follows:

	Adult Children.
History	4101
Description and travel	1866
Total	1277

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Receipts.

Balance with City Treasurer,	
January 1st, 1906	\$1360.36
One mill library tax	7111.37
Tax sale88
Interest	10.63
Deposits made by Librarian.	120.00
Total	\$8612.24

Account with Librarian.

Balance with Librarian, January 1st, 1906	\$ 21.22
Fines	268.42
Fees for books reserved	14.38
Catalogues sold	4.30
From lost and damaged books	1.05
From all other sources	6.21

Total	\$ 315.58
Less amount deposited with City Treasurer	120.00
Total	\$8807.82

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$2859.00
Books	1858.45
Periodicals	318.34
Binding	518.77
Printing	180.12
Maintenance and improvement of building	834.46
Light	321.60
Fuel	419.61
Postage, Freight and Express	54.54
Insurance	63.25
Librarian Supplies	89.55
Miscellaneous	43.89

Total	\$7551.28
Balance with City Treasurer, Dec. 31st, 1906	1234.98
Balance with Librarian, December 31st, 1906	21.53
Total	\$8807.82

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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General Works ..	49	3	
Reference Room	1692	59	6
Fiction	4614	474	3
Juvenile	2572	575	4
Polish Books	461		
German	440		
Public Documents	3071		41
	28059	1889	204

Books for young people in library
by classes:

	Total	Pched.	Don'd.
History	324	18	
Biography	252	24	
Description and Travel ..	263	24	1
Literature	198	27	1
Fine Arts	80	13	
Useful Arts	50	2	
Natural Science..	257	18	
Sociology	60	10	
Religion	63	5	
Philosophy	1		
Magazines	8	1	
Reference	25		
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Circulation of books:

	Adult	Children
History	3290	1622
Biography	1333	403
Description and Travel	1901	1133
Language and Literature	3772	755
Fine Arts	1773	153
Useful Arts ..	1308	71
Natural Science	3958	1135
Sociology	1498	292

Newspapers, weekly, 7.
Magazines, 94 (75).
Branch Library Periodicals:
Newspapers, 4.
Magazines, 9.

Papers donated: Winona Weekly
Leader; Northwestern Agriculturist;
Christian Science Sentinel; Our Dumb
Animals.

Magazines donated: Iron Age; Spi-
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(Pres. paper, Mrs. Hayes); American
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view, (Mrs. Snow); Michigan Alum-
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Receipts

Account with City Treasurer:	
Balance with City Treasurer,	
January 1st, 1907	\$1,231.98
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Interest ..	11.10
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Number of volumes in library by classes:

	Total	Pched.	Don'd.
History	1857	61	6
Description and Travel	1345	82	2
Biography	1727	64	2
Language and Literature	2300	161	4
Fine Arts	933	74	6
Useful Arts	648	68	5
Natural Science	963	46	
Sociology	1397	96	3
Religion	583	21	6
Philosophy	336	26	
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Religion	795	203
Philosophy	628	1
Magazines	6239	355
Fiction	39161	17107
German	2675	
Polish	2744	
Mis. Branch Lib.	652	
Juvenile, Branch Lib...		4679
	71677	28516

Total

Branch Library:

Circulation	
Fiction	874
Miscellaneous	652
Polish	2,195
Juvenile	4,679

Total

Visitors

General Statistics:
Book Borrowers, 4,664.
Visitors to Reading Room, 18,149.
Visitors to branch library, 11,899.
Daily average visitors, 57.
Daily average at branch library, 38.
Sunday visitors, 2,731.
Average Sunday visitors, 52.
Reference department, 3,276.
Books discarded, 611.
Books lost and paid for, 2.
Books unaccounted for, 30.
Books unaccounted for, branch library, 9.
Books rebound, 701.
Magazines bound, 92.
Periodicals for Reading Room:
Newspapers, daily, 8.

Newspapers, weekly, 7.
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Receipts

Account with City Treasurer:

Balance with City Treasurer,	
January 1st, 1907	\$1,234.98
One mill library tax	6,989.27
Interest	11.10
Deposits made by Librarian..	70.00
	\$8,305.35

Account with Librarian:

Balance with Librarian,	
January 1st, 1907	\$ 21.56
Fines	232.93
Fees for books reserved ..	17.04
Catalogues sold	1.30
Lost and damaged books	5.25
All other sources	27.89

Total \$ 305.97
Less amount deposited with City Treasurer

\$ 235.97

Total

Expenditures

Salaries	\$3,226.98
Books	2,108.71
Periodicals	286.50
Binding	477.56
Printing	97.15
Maintenance and improvement of building	661.18
Light	247.53
Fuel	483.37
Postage, freight and express..	41.36
Insurance	96.00
Supplies	159.56
Miscellaneous	49.02
	\$7,915.28

Balance with city treasurer

December 31st, 1907

Balance with Librarian, December 31st, 1907

15.45

Total \$8,541.32

ANNUAL OF LIBRARY

Gain of Eighteen Thousand in Books
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THIS VERY HEALTHY SHOWING.

As Usual Fiction and Juvenile Works
Have a Heavy Lead—Additions by
Classes During Year—Nearly
Thirty Thousand Books in All.

The annual report of the Winona free public library for the year 1908 was made public today. The report shows a healthy increase in the circulation of the library, the number of volumes issued to book borrowers in 1908 being 118,484 compared with 100,193 in 1907, an increase of 18,291. The annual inventory showed twenty-five books to have disappeared during the year and to be unaccounted for, these being nearly all in the fiction class.

Sociology	65	5
Religion	64	2
Philosophy	1	
Magazines	5	1
Reference	26	1
Fiction	2072	233
	3704	339

Circulation of Books.

	B.L.	Adult.	Child.
History	7459	997	
Biography	2584	469	
Description and travel	1692	3101	
Language and literature	5221	765	
Fine arts	2075	470	
Useful arts	1589	97	
Natural science	8788	1657	
Sociology	3745	397	
Religion	787	161	
Philosophy	425		
Magazines	7602	365	
Fiction	41542	17487	
German	2541		
Polish	1514	363	
Juvenile	3465		
Adult Fiction	548		
Adult Miscellany	665		

Total	6192	86413	25876
Grand total		118,484	
Total in 1907		100,193	
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Other Statistics.

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Deposit of Librarian	85.00
	<u>\$7,994.79</u>

Account with Librarian.	
Balance with Librarian, Jan. 1, 1908	\$ 13.45
Fines	255.28
Fees from books reserved	15.96
Catalogs sold	2.80
Lost and damaged books	14.53
Memberships	6.50
Other sources	22.34

ANNUAL OF LIBRARY

Gain of Eighteen Thousand in Books
Taken Out During the
Year 1908.

THIS VERY HEALTHY SHOWING.

As Usual Fiction and Juvenile Works
Have a Heavy Lead—Additions by
Classes During Year—Nearly
Thirty Thousand Books in All.

The annual report of the Winona free public library for the year 1908 was made public today. The report shows a healthy increase in the circulation of the library, the number of volumes issued to book borrowers in 1908 being 118,484 compared with 100,193 in 1907, an increase of 18,291. The annual inventory showed twenty-five books to have disappeared during the year and to be unaccounted for, these being nearly all in the fiction class.

Following is the report complete except for the list of donations which have already been published from month to month and the list of books which have disappeared:

Number of Volumes by Classes.

	To.	Pu.	Do.
History	1880	29	2
Description and travel	1394	50	5
Biography	1771	44	4
Language and literature	2359	48	16
Fine arts	989	58	
Useful arts	679	26	6
Natural science	1009	41	6
Sociology	1474	73	4
Religion	927	35	4
Philosophy	366	30	1
Periodicals	1804	111	2
General Works	53	1	
Reference Room ...	1736	41	6
Fiction	4844	423	7
Juvenile	3704	338	4
Polish books	444		
German books	657	211	9
Public Documents ..	3138	12	55
	29227	1571	131

Books for Young People by Classes.

	To.	Pu.	Do.
History	330	10	
Biography	259	11	
Description and travel	277	36	
Literature	197	6	
Fine arts	85	9	
Useful arts	54	5	
Natural science	265	20	

Sociology	65	5
Religion	64	2
Philosophy	1	
Magazines	5	1
Reference	26	1
Fiction	2072	233
	3704	339

Circulation of Books.

	B.L.	Adult.	Child.
History	7459	907	
Biography	2584	469	
Description and travel	1692	3101	
Language and literature	5221	765	
Fine arts	2075	470	
Useful arts	1589	97	
Natural science ...	8788	1657	
Sociology	3745	397	
Religion	787	161	
Philosophy	425		
Magazines	7602	365	
Fiction	41542	17487	
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Other Statistics.

Book borrowers	4581
Visitors to Reading room	16887
Visitors to branch library (7mo.)	10094
Daily average visitors	53
Daily average at Branch Lib. (7mo)	60
Sunday visitors	2677
Average Sunday visitors	52
Reference Department	4079
Book discarded	534
Books lost and paid for	8
Books unaccounted for	19
Books unaccounted for at Branch Library	6
Books rebound	934
Magazines bound	122
Periodicals for Reading Room:	
Newspapers—Daily	14
Newspapers—Weekly	9
Magazines	80
Papers donated:	
Michigan Alumnus. (Mrs. Snow).	
Winona Weekly Leader.	
Christian Science Journal.	
Christian Science Sentinel.	
Magazines donated: Branch Library:	
American Monthly. (D. A. R.)	
Newspapers	4
Crusader Monthly. (M'nneapolis.)	
Magazines	9
Iron Age. (Wagon works).	
Spirit of Missions. (Mrs. Snow.)	
Music Review. (Mrs. Snow.)	

Report of Secretary.

At the meeting of the library board on Saturday afternoon the annual financial report of Secretary E. E.

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Fees from books reserved ...	15.96
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Memberships	6.50
Other sources	22.34

\$330.86

Less deposits with City Treasurer	\$ 245.36
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Total receipts

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$3,408.30
Books	1,653.49
Periodicals	294.75
Binding	534.68
Printing	22.00
Stationary and supplies ...	128.09
Maintenance and Improvements of Building	376.19
Light	307.86
Fuel	413.25
Postage, Freight and Express	40.82
Insurance	74.25
Miscellaneous	81.49

Total Expense

Balance with Libr., Dec. 31st, 1908	18.50
Balance with City Treas ..	\$87.18

Total

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SHEPARD,

Secretary.

An estimate for the coming years showed probable receipts and expenditures in the neighborhood of \$7,500, this including \$3,500 for salaries and \$1,740 for new books.

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REPORTS OF THE LIBRARY

Annual Statistics Are Presented to the
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THE THIRTY THOUSAND MARK

This Has Been Passed in the Number
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Inventory of Books.

Volumes by Classes	Pur. Total	Do- chased	nated.
History	1904	33	1
Description and travel	1443	51	2
Biography	1815	46	8
Language and literature	2449	95	5
Fine Arts	1055	64	8
Useful Arts	749	72	1
Natural Science	1047	43	
Sociology	1548	66	10
Religion	950	22	2
Philosophy	388	22	
Periodicals	1869	103	
General works ..	54	2	
Reference room	1765	24	12
Fiction	4991	491	9

Ruggles.); Iron Age, (Wagon Works); Lend a Hand, (Mr. B. D. Blair); Music Review, (Mrs. Snow); Michigan Alumnus, (Mrs. Snow); Christian Science Journal.

Donations.

G. L. Raymond, Author, miscellaneous works	10
Mr. W. Hayes Laird, miscellaneous works	11
Mr. W. A. Finkelnburg	1
Miss Elsie Little	1
Mr. Henry Wolfer (Warden) National Prison Asso. Rept.	10
Miss Matchitt, fiction	2
Mrs. Virtue, Life of Mrs. Eddy..	3
Mr. Hugo Reisinger (N. Y.), German Art	1
Mr. A. Porter, New York State documents	3
Mr. W. G. Maxey, Grant the Man of Mystery	1
Mr. Earl Simpson, General Laws of Minnesota	1
Mr. H. N. Casson (author), Life of Cyrus H. McCormick	1
Hon. J. A. Tawney, public documents	3
Mr. Jas. Horsburgh, Pacific Slope, reference library	1
Knights of Columbus, Catholic Encyclopedia	6
Republican-Herald Office, bound volumes daily paper	5
Towle Mfg. Co., Colonial History	1
Minnesota Historical Society, collections	2
A Friend	3
Official Source, public documents	41

Total 107

Secretary Blair's Report.

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Fiction	4991	491	9
Juvenile	3785	378	2
Polish books	432		
German	849	193	
Public documents	3197	12	47
Total	30291	1719	107

Circulation of Books.

	Adult	Child.	B. L.
History	4754	1753	
Biography	1347	577	
Description and travel	1658	2760	
Language and literature	4800	636	
Fine Arts	2235	370	
Useful Arts	1409	228	
Natural Science ..	3916	918	
Sociology	3597	330	
Religion	753	98	
Philosophy	472	3	
Magazines	7963	278	
Fiction	40258	16015	
German	2765		
Polish	227		666
Juvenile			1742
Adult Fiction			269
Adult Miscellany ..			330

Total 76154 23966 3007

Total 103,127

Other Statistics.

Book borrowers	4,341
Visitors to reading room	21,564
Visitors to branch library, (six months)	10,047
Daily average visitors	68
Daily average at B. L. (six mo.)	64
Sunday visitors	2,524
Average Sunday visitors	56
Reference department	2,503
Books discarded	762
Books lost and paid for	12
Books unaccounted for	39
Books unaccounted for at B. L.	11
Books rebound	463
Magazines bound	103
Periodicals for reading room—	
Newspapers, daily	15
Newspapers, weekly	9
Magazines	82
Papers Donated—Winona Weekly Leader, Der Western.	
Magazines Donated—American Monthly, (D. A. R.); Crusaders Monthly, Minneapolis; Musical Courier, (Prof.	

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Mr. H. N. Casson (author), Life of Cyrus H. McCormick	1
Hon. J. A. Tawney, public docu- ments	3
Mr. Jas. Horsburgh, Pacific Slope, reference library	1
Knights of Columbus, Catholic Encyclopedia	6
Republican-Herald Office, bound volumes daily paper	5
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Balance with City Treas- urer, Jan. 1, 1909	\$ 887.18
From County Treasurer, one mill tax	6,865.28
From County Treasurer, mortgage registry tax ..	26.06
From City Treasurer, Inter- est	8.30
Deposits of Librarian	60.00
Total	\$7,846.82

Account with Librarian—

Balance with Li- brarian, Jan. 1.	
1909	\$ 18.30
Fines	240.22
Fees for books re- served	19.04
Catalogs sold	1.45
Lost and damaged books	7.80
Memberships	8.75
Other sources	6.90
Total	\$301.46

Less deposits with
City Treasurer .. 65.00 \$ 241.46

Total receipts \$8,088.28

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$3,311.00
Books	1,793.81
Periodicals	307.45
Binding	296.72
Printing	6.00
Stationery and supplies ..	169.04
Maintenance and Improve- ments of building	152.72
Light	389.68
Fuel	431.00
Postage, freight and ex- press	40.43
Insurance	67.50
Miscellaneous	107.96

Total expense \$7,073.38

Balance with Librarian,
Dec. 31, 1909

18.54

Balance with City Treas-
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996.36

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REPORTS ON THE LIBRARY

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Fine Arts	1,104	50	1
Useful arts....	767	33	2
Natural science	1,059	25	2
Sociology	1,650	90	5
Religion	969	16	4
Philosophy ...	395	6	2
Periodicals	1,923	86	
General works	56	2	
Reference room	1,789	33	12

F. E. Abbot (Author)—Syllogistic
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ance, 1.

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The Book Showing.

Number of volumes by classes:

Classes	Total	Purchased	Do- nated.
Fiction	1,963	56	4
Description and			
Travel	1,505	31	4
Biography	1,856	35	6
Language and			
Literature	2,523	80	4
Fine Arts	1,104	50	1
Useful arts	767	33	2
Natural science	1,059	25	2
Sociology	1,650	90	5
Religion	969	16	4
Philosophy	395	6	2
Periodicals	1,923	86	
General works	56	2	
Reference room	1,789	33	12
Fiction	5,071	323	9
Juvenile	4,052	515	3
Polish books	419		
German	856	8	1
Public Docu- ments	3,223		26
Total	31,180	1,448	85

Circulation of Books.

	Adult	Child- ren.
History	5,140	3,493
Biography	1,305	867
Description and		
Travel	3,420	3,442
Language and Lit- erature	4,270	1,785
Fine Arts	2,623	416
Useful arts	1,049	681
Natural science	4,001	1,395
Sociology	3,251	699
Religion	501	408
Philosophy	270	8
Magazines	6,346	191
Fiction	38,062	19,952
German	2,988	
Polish	463	
Total	73,695	33,237

Grand total 106,932

General Statistics.

Book borrowers	4,395
Visitors to Reading room	25,695
Visitors to branch library 6mo.	11,896
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Account with City Treasurer.	
Balance with City Treas- urer, Jan. 1, 1910.	996.36
Co Treasurer, March settle- ment taxes	2,308.28
Interest apportionment (by City Treasurer)	7.24
Co. Treasurer, June settle- ment taxes	3,193.71
Deposits of Librarian	25.00
Co Treasurer, November set- tlement taxes	1,456.09
By W. H. Laird Estate	5,000.00
Total	\$12,987.24

Account with Librarian.	
Balance with Librarian, Jan. 1, 1910.	18.54
Fines	212.27
Fees for books reserved	27.37
Catalogs sold.	1.25
Lost and damaged books	9.43
Membership	8.25
Other sources	1.10
Total	\$278.21

Less deposits with City Treasurer . . . \$25.00	253.21
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Total receipts . . . \$13,240.45

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$ 2,952.40
Books	1,333.00
Periodicals	309.35
Binding	543.83
Stationary and Supplies	100.97
Printing	51.60
Maintenance and improve- ment of bulking	854.10
Light	384.83
Fuel	567.65
Postage, freight, and express	33.56
Insurance	54.36
Telephone	33.00
Miscellaneous	40.66

Total expense	\$ 7,259.31
Balance with Librarian, Dec. 31, 1910.	16.69
Balance with City Treas- urer, Dec. 31, 1910	5,964.45
Total	\$13,240.45

Respectfully submitted,
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